GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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Census Data
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the new census data released recently shows that the median age at the time of marriage has increased across all strata of society and genders due to socio-economic changes taking place and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the data reveals that higher level of school enrolment with overall 90 per cent everywhere and above 80 per cent of Dalits has also contributed to this welcome trend and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether according to eminent sociologists at the JNU, if this pace of growth in integration of the economy is kept up the median age at marriage for both genders should increase by two years in the next ten years; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI HANSRAJ GANGARAM AHIR)

(a): Madam, the Median age at Marriage for currently married persons in the country, as calculated from Census 2001 and 2011 data, for rural and urban areas and for males and females have increased during the period as given below :

Residence	2001		2011	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
Total	22.0	18.4	22.8	19.2
Rural	21.5	18.1	22.0	18.9
Urban	23.9	19.3	24.5	19.9

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(b): The Median age at marriage, as calculated from Census 2011 data, shows that it is higher among persons having higher educational level. Among Graduate and above, the Median age at marriage is 24.6 in comparison to 19.6 for illiterates.
(c&d): The projection of Median age at marriage is not made by Office of the Registrar General & Census Commissioner, India.

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